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ELEMENTS AND ION EXCHANGE MEMBRANES

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## PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by 2 months. Enclosed is our check No. 22263 which includes the amount of \$450.00 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

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